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YESTERDAY EVENING 21ST NEW REGIME ESTABLISHED WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL C. KOLLIAS AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE. FROM PREMIER ON DOWN SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS WERE SWORN IN IMMEDIATELY AT CEREMONY IN PALACE. EXCEPT FOR PREMIER, ALL CABINET MEMBERS MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY AS FOLLOWS: GEN. G. SPANTIDAKIS VICE-PREMIER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE. COL. N. MAKAREZOS MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION. BRIG. GEN. S. PATTACOS MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. G. PAPADOPOULOS MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE PREMIER'S OFFICE.

AFTER SWEARING-IN CEREMONY PREMIER DECLARED ON RADIO MARTIAL LAW THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, THAT WITH THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT ON THIS OCCASION IT WAS UNAVOIDABLY IMPOSED IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THE NATIONAL CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY PARTY POLITICIANS THAT WITH A NORMALIZATION OF CONDITIONS IT IS INTENDED TO EFFECT AN EARLY RETURN TO A STATE OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND STATED TO THE PEOPLE THAT AS FAR AS FOREIGN POLICY IS CONCERNED THERE WOULD BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY AND OBSERVANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. YESTERDAY, 21ST, THE NEW MINISTER IMPOSED A NIGHTTIME CURFEW BUT TODAY, 22ND, VARIOUS STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO GENERALLY RELAX THE VIGILANCE WITHIN THE CITY, TO LIFT TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS, TO RESTORE RAPID TRANSIT AND DOMESTIC TELEPHONE FACILITIES, AND TO REOPEN THE AIRPORT. (AT FIRST, FOREIGN CABLES WERE LIMITED TO DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.; ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE CABLES PERMITTED UNDER SYSTEM OF CENSORSHIP) OKUMA

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